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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INTERNAL TALKS

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1. LOCAL PRESS SPECULATES THAT TODAY'S MEETING
(JANUARY11) ON THE INTERNAL TALKS WILL RESULT IN A
COMPROMISE APPARENTLY BASED ON THE 27 PERCENT WHITE
REPRESENTATION SOLUTION REPORTED REFTEL. ONE ACCOUNT
SAYS THAT SMITH SUMMONED THE 50-MEMBER RHODESIAN
FRONT CAUCUS TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THE
COMPROMISE PRIOR TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE TALKS IN
THE AFTERNOON.

2. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS A STATEMENT BY FOREIGN

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MINISTER VAN DER BYL ACCUSING THE UK OF TRYING TO
"INTIMIDATE" BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIAN LEADERS BY
ITS REJECTION OF THE INTERNAL TALKS. VAN DER BYL
REPORTEDLY ASKED WHAT SHOULD PREVAIL, THE DESIRES
OF THE RHODESIAN PEOPLE OR THE VESTED INTERESTS OF
OUTSIDE PARTIES ? ACCORDING TO THE REPORT SHOWN IT
IS PREJUDICED IN FAVOR OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND,

BECAUSE IT IS KNOWN THAT THE PF COULD NOT WIN AN
ELECTION, IT IS "PARTICULARLY SINISTER" THAT THE UK
IS TRYING TO DISCREDIT THE ELECTIONS IN ADVANCE.BOWDLER

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